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(Continued from Last Sunday)

CHAPTER X.

WE have learned in these revelations how Mme. Storch, the fascinating German spy, came to a tragic end in New York after a career of intrigue and adventure all over Europe. We have seen how her evil work for Germany in France, England and other countries was linked up with that which she conducted for her Berlin masters in the United States after we entered the war.

But who would have dreamed that the intrigues of this adventuress would be taken up by a Queen, the sister of the German Kaiser himself? This is the incredible thing that has happened.

Information from France, states that Queen Sophie, wife of the deposed King of Greece and sister of Kaiser Wilhelm, has assumed part of the role once played by Mme. Storch in directing German intrigue from Switzerland. Queen Sophie cannot fill Mme. Storch's place in every respect, for she is middle-aged and not remarkably beautiful, but she possesses other qualifications which more than make up for her lack of attractiveness.

Many channels of secret communication established by Mme. Storch in France, England and Spain are now at her command.

A queen obviously enjoys advantages as a spy and director of spies incomparably beyond that of any ordinary person. Her rank, prestige and surroundings silence suspicion and make men ready to obey her orders when they should resolutely refuse to do so. Queen Sophie possesses enormous wealth as a member of the Hohenzollern family, and whatever else she needs is always obtainable from the imperial treasury.

Her son still reigns over Greece as King with the consent of the allies. Her rank and importance are freely recognized in every neutral country. She has relations at every monarchical court. She possesses a large fund of confidential information concerning the court and government of every country. She is well informed concerning the private character of prominent men and women in other lands, and she is therefore in an especially good position to approach them for espionage purposes.

Technically at least she is treated as a distinguished neutral sovereign by the allied countries, in spite of her notorious acts and opinions. Considering her therefore from every point of view, she is about the most powerful and dangerous spy who has yet come to light.

Queen Sophie is now in close and intimate relations with the notorious Banker, Baron von Rosenberg, who has financed most of the German spy work directed from Switzerland. She has found agents to carry out intrigues for Germany in France, Spain, the East and other parts of the world. She has drawn heavily on the funds of Rosenberg, who is known to have spent over \$5,000,000 a year on espionage for Germany.

Rosenberg now appears as one of the chief financial agents of Germany in the organization of intrigues. An Austrian by birth, a director of the Krupp munition firm, a Parisian by long business association, audacious, insinuating and a thorough man of the world, he is peculiarly qualified to deal with shady financiers and unprincipled women. At the outbreak of the war he had a banking office in Paris.

The Intriguing Queen and Her German Financier

We have already heard something of Rosenberg in previous articles of this series. We learned in Chapter III. how he employed Mme. Storch to secure for him the services of Susy Depsy, the Parisian actress, who in turn secured various other persons willing to do traitor's work for Germany. Most of them have since faced the firing squad at Vincennes or are lodged in prison.

But Rosenberg is an even more important person than he then appeared to be. In spite of the tragic ending of many of his creatures he goes on with his work more actively than ever. Princes, pachas, barons and even a queen are among his agents.

Mme. Storch—Vampire and German Spy

READERS of this page are already familiar with the history of the career of Mme. Nerie Storch, one of the most valued and highly paid spies in the German Secret Service, as it has been told from week to week. After six years of successful activity in all the great capitals of Europe, Mme. Storch was trapped recently in the Biltmore Hotel, in New York City, by agents of the United States Department of Justice.

Her childhood experiences in the harem, her years of gay life among the profligates of the most licentious society in Europe and her establishment in Paris by the German Foreign Office in an expensive setting of servants, equipages and admirers were narrated in previous chapters. Her enlistment of the pretty dancer, Mlle. Mata-Hari, as a spy and the latter's execution by a firing squad; the debauchery of Mlle. Susy Depsy and this young woman's tragic fate as a spy; her intrigues with Raisuli, the Moroccan bandit, and the tragic deaths of two of Spain's proudest noblemen, who had become her lovers and dupes, her sinister activities in Petrograd and then England, were also related, and a further chapter is added to-day.

He occupies a palatial banking office at Zurich, the German-speaking centre of Switzerland, and to a considerable extent a centre of pro-German sentiment and activity. His office boldly bears the name "Rosenberg, Bettelheim & Co."

He visits the "Deutsche Bank" in Berlin once a week, and is on terms of intimacy with the German Kaiser.

The latest revelations concerning von Rosenberg's activities come from the Matin of Paris, although the United States secret service agents and other investigators have found clues of German intrigue in many parts of the world that led back to this arch-conspirator.

It will be recalled that King Constantine of Greece was deposed last Summer, because he had obstinately favored the aims of Germany in Greece and the Balkans, in opposition to the treaty obligations of Greece and the wishes of the great majority of the Greek people. Concerning the acts of the King and Queen that led up to this expulsion some startling revelations will be made later. First, the Queen's recent activities in Switzerland will be made clear.

When King Constantine and Queen Sophie were driven from Greece what more natural than that they should take up their residence in delightful Switzerland? If they had gone to Germany they would have been subject to some of the privations that are falling on that country, and would have suffered many of the inconveniences that come to belligerents. In Switzerland they are treated as distinguished neutrals, but are able to work very effectively for Germany.

Queen Sophie has been detected in secret conference with ex-Khedive Abbas Hilmi, of Egypt, who was deposed by England for pro-German plotting. Abbas Hilmi in Switzerland sent Mme. Storch to various Oriental living in France to help her collect confidential information. The ex-Khedive is now, it is understood, putting the same channels of communication at the service of the Queen, with the object of injuring the allied campaign in Palestine and Mesopotamia.

Switzerland a Central Spy Station for the Teuton Tribes

Switzerland is marvellously situated to serve as a central station for spy service. Upon its frontiers lie the four belligerents—Germany, Austria, France and Italy. Of its population nearly one-half are German-speaking Swiss, while the rest are French and Italian Swiss. From its mountains many military operations in all these countries can be observed. Germany has for many years labored to make this land a central spy station for herself, and has achieved amazing results. The Swiss Government has undoubtedly done its utmost to preserve neutrality, but Swiss Germans and plain Germans are hard to distinguish, and the difficulties of the situation are nearly insurmountable.

King Constantine and Queen Sophie stayed at San Moritz, in the Engadine, the favorite resort for invalids, when they went to Switzerland last Summer. In September, however, they moved with their imposing suite to Zurich, the centre of German activity. In their suite were sixty persons, including courtiers, secretaries and ladies and gentlemen in waiting, and not counting servants.

The party occupies a series of hotels on the Dolder, a beautiful wooded hill outside the city and overlooking the lake of Zurich. The King and Queen lived in the largest of the hotels—the Hotel Dolder.

Here they are at the head of a royal court, which is also a spy organization. George Streit, who was formerly Minister of Foreign Affairs at Athens, and M. Theotokis, formerly Greek Minister at Berlin, are the King's chief assistants. They were formerly the King's most unscrupulous agents, leading advisers in directing his pro-German policy in Greece, and now they are doing the same task in another form.

Rosenberg, the Kaiser's banker in Zurich, supplies this court of spies with all the money it needs.

George Streit in one palatial hotel professes to direct the King's foreign affairs. M. Theotokis, in another, acts as the King's Minister of

the Interior. Each has under his orders an army of typists, and boasts of the number of reports he sends from time to time to the allied Ministers in Switzerland. These are, of course, intended to deceive the enemies of Germany.

Theotokis issues false passports for use by spies in various countries. He obtains the forms from Germany, which systematically manufactures forged passports for every country in the world. Theotokis is able to fit them to various agents—Greeks of the pro-German party and Greeks who are really Turkish subjects. As Greece is now an allied country, it becomes very difficult for other allied governments to deal with such cases.

Theotokis's lack of principles may be judged by the statement he made publicly when the war broke out:

"We Greeks must work with Germany," he said, "in order to get hold of a part of Serbia, no matter if she is our ally. Don't let us have any stupid prejudices. We must get all we can."

The Sinister Queen's Schemes Foiled by the United States

Queen Sophie, however, is at the present time clearly the dominating spirit of all these conspirators. In a splendid throne room opening on a terraced garden overlooking the lake, she holds a daily court. Here Minister Streit and Theotokis attend her and receive her orders every morning. Not infrequently one or the other is summoned by her late in the evening.

The Queen is now known to have originated a daring plan to secure the evacuation of the Macedonian front by the allies. In this she intended to use the United States as a cat paw. It is declared in Paris that Minister Streit, by her orders, wrote to President Wilson and suggested that he should persuade the allies to retire from Saloniki, where they were accomplishing little, and offered to give guarantees from the Kaiser that he would allow no advances to be made in this direction by his own forces or the Bulgars or any of his allies. The ostensible reason for this proposition was that it would relieve several unhappy little nationalities from the horrors of war, a reason that should appeal to the humanitarian sentiments of the United States.

President Wilson promptly replied that he considered the Macedonian question did not concern the United States directly, and it is presumed that he was not impressed by the Kaiser's solemn promise.

As a matter of fact, if the allies had withdrawn their troops from Saloniki they would have been at sea, when the Germans were making their desperate offensive on the western front and every one in France believes that the savage Bulgarians would have descended upon Saloniki and massacred all the inhabitants.

Queen Sophie was furious when she heard of the rejection of her plan and gave one of her not infrequent exhibitions of savage rage. She summoned the wretched Streit to her presence and attacked him furiously. Many of the servants in the hotel heard what took place.

"You fool!" shrieked the Queen. "You have made a hopeless failure of a splendid plan. If you had had sense enough to make these Americans understand that His Majesty the Kaiser was offering them a great concession they would certainly have swallowed the bait."

During her furious tirade against the trembling Minister the Queen was actually heard to smack his face with a resounding noise.

The King and Queen have also organized a bogus news agency, which sends out from Arosa, in the canton of Grisons, under sealed envelopes, telegrams purporting to emanate from every capital in Europe, but really conceived and originated by these German propagandists.

Rosenberg is unquestionably the leading figure in this circle. He is never treated with the contempt which the Queen has shown for some of the Greeks. Every evening two or three dozen swarthy Greeks in evening dress are to be seen on the lovely terraces of the hotels, near the King's residence, taking liqueurs, which, like the dinners, are always paid for by Rosenberg.

When Rosenberg appears among them the

German Spy



"Queen Sophie's rage then passed beyond control. With the typical savagery of the Prussian displayed by her countrymen on many a battlefield, she drew from her bosom a small glittering jewelled dagger presented to her by the Kaiser as a birthday gift. She flew at her husband, brandishing the dagger and 'lunged it into his chest.'"

noisy crowd grows quiet and listens to his orders with deep respect.

Recently Rosenberg announced that he needed brave and enterprising men who would plan the destruction of the great allied storehouses at Saloniki. It is a great strain on the allies to keep adequate supplies at this distant point, to which they must be carried entirely by sea. The shortage of shipping and the necessity of concentrating every effort on the western front make the Saloniki problem undoubtedly a serious one.

The great German offensive was then under way, and Rosenberg was planning to help it by attacking the allies wherever possible in the rear.

These ideas were discussed by Rosenberg and some of the chief Greek conspirators at a secret meeting in one of the hotels on the Dolder. Queen Sophie herself, wearing an inconspicuous costume and a black mantle thrown over her head, was present.

"If we can destroy those stores," explained Rosenberg, "we can cripple the Saloniki expedition and perhaps eventually make the allies abandon it. When they have partially withdrawn their troops our Bulgarian allies would have an opportunity to attack the remnant and annihilate them."

Two young Greeks present, lured by the promises and blandishments of the Queen, undertook to carry out this diabolical plot. The understanding was that they hire a band of criminals

pined with \$10,000 in gold would enable them to do Greece or Turkey.

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Upon this evidence the promptly court martialled two more wrong-headed intrigue.

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